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Tennessee National Guard Announces Command Changes

NASHVILLE - Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr., Tennessee Adjutant General, today announced that Colonel Joe Geren will assume command of the Tennessee Army National Guard's 117th Regional Training Institute in Smyrna. Col. Geren is the former commander of the 196th Field Artillery headquartered in Chattanooga. He recently returned from Afghanistan after spending one year commanding an Embedded Training Team training members of the Afghan Army.

Col. Gregg Cunningham, current commander of the 117th, who is scheduled for retirement next year, will take command of the 196th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters in Chattanooga. The 196th will retire its colors when the last deployed members of the unit return from Iraq later this year.

Col. Dennis Adams will assume the duties of the Joint Force Headquarters J5/7 (Plans Directorate), vacated by Col. Geren. Col. Adams commanded the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during its one year deployment to Iraq in 2004-05, and recently completed the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

The changes are effective August 1, 2007.

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